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SUBJECT: NIGER: UPDATE ON CASE OF SLAVERY VICTIM HADIZATOU MANI -
DEFENDANT SENTENCED, FINED

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¶1. On March 24, the Tribunal of Birni-N'Konni sentenced Naroua, the defendant in the slavery case of Hadizatou Mani (reftel), to one year's imprisonment, a fine of one million F CFA (USD 2000) in damages payable to Mani, and a fine of 500,000 F CFA (USD 1000) in damages payable to the Government of Niger. Although the court has rendered this sentence, Naroua has yet to be located and detained.

¶2. Mani, a 2009 Department of State International Woman of Courage Award recipient, received an ECOWAS Court of Justice-imposed settlement of 10 million F CFA (USD 20,000) in late March 2009 from the Government of Niger.

¶3. Minimize considered.

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